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TAGS: PGOV, KS, US

SUBJECT: KIM DONG-JO AFFAIR

1. BASED ON CONVERSATIONS CHARGE HAS HAD RECENTLY WITH BOTH FOREIGN MINISTER AND KIM KYONG WON (BLUE HOUSE), IT IS CLEAR THAT ROKG WILL NOT TAKE ANY FURTHER INITIATIVES ON KIM DONG-JO AFFAIR AND PROBABLY ON ANY MATTERS RELATING TO KOREAGATE.

2. ROK RECOGNIZES RISKS INVOLVED IN THIS POLICY, BUT HAS COME TO CONCLUSION THAT IT CANNOT INFLUENCE EVENTS IN U.S. PARTICULARLY IN CONGRESS AND THEREFORE HAS DECIDED TO STAND ON PRINCIPLE (E.G. SOVEREIGNTY) AND ON SELF-RESPECT. THERE IS, AT THE CORE, A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF RESIGNATION AND ORIENTAL FATALISM INVOLVED AS WELL AS A PRACTICAL PERCEPTION, AT LEAST IN ROK EYES, THAT STORY HAS RUN ITS COURSE AND THAT THE AMERICAN PUBLIC IS TIRED OF AFFAIR.

3. THERE IS ONE FURTHER ARGUMENT THAT WE HEAR FROM VARIOUS SOURCES. ROK DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT EVEN IF KIM DONG-JO WERE TO GIVE STATEMENT, THIS WOULD CLOSE THE CASE. IT FEELS THAT THERE WOULD BE ANOTHER REQUEST AND THEN ANOTHER AND SO ON. ROK IS MOST ANXIOUS TO END MATTER ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, IN PART BECAUSE IT WISHES AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE GLEYSTEEEN TO  
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START OFF WITH A CLEAN SLATE, UNENCUMBERED BY THE BURDENS OF THE PAST.

4. WE HAVE NOW PROBED AND LOBBIED ALL POSSIBLE CONCERNED ROK INSTITUTIONS. THE RESPONSE HAS UNANIMOUSLY BEEN NEGATIVE ON THE QUESTION OF FURTHER ACTIONS BY KIM DONG-JO.

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